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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) by Express Mail is the incomplete patent application of Anthony J.M. Garwood, of Mercer Island, WA, entitled PRODUCTS, METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR FRESH MEAT PROCESSING AND PACKAGING.

This application is a continuation-in-part of prior Application No. 09/550,399,

filed April 14, 2000, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/392,074, filed September 8, 1999, which in turn is a continuation of Application No. 09/039,150, filed March 13, 1998, now abandoned, which in turn claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/040,556, filed March 13, 1997, priority from the filing dates of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120. In addition, this application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/129,595, filed April 15, 1999; 60/141,569, filed June 29, 1999; 60/144,400, filed July 16, 1999; 60/148,227 filed July 27, 1999; 60/149,938, filed August 19, 1999; 60/152,677, filed September 7, 1999; 60/154,068, filed September 14, 1999; 60/160,445, filed on October 19, 1999; and 60/175,372, filed on January 10, 2000, priority from the filing date of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. An application consisting of 310 pages of specification, including the claims and abstract, and 145 sheets of informal drawings is attached. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is not attached. Please file this X 3. application in the name of the inventor listed above. A filing date in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 is requested. The Express Mail Certificate appears below. X No fee is enclosed.

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